

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for providing a chat service, which enables a user of a mobile terminal to search for another user meeting some specified requisites for a chat partner and to virtually talk with him/her, the system comprising:

5 a mobile communication system being in radio communication with the mobile terminal;

a chat server connected to a network for providing the chat service; and

a radio operator gateway for switching different data and protocols between the mobile communication system and the network,

wherein the chat server includes personal information and requisite information of at least one member,

wherein upon a request of the user of the mobile terminal for the chat service, the system searches for a member meeting the requisites of the user for a chat partner based on the personal information of the individual members, compares the requisite information of the user with that of the searched member to select a chat partner and enables the user to virtually talk with the selected chat partner.

2. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chat server
20 comprises:

a web server connected to the network for displaying a home page and web pages related to the chat service and control the whole chat service-related operation;

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a membership database for storing personal information of the user and the member;

a requisite information database for storing requisite information of the user and the member;

5 a search engine connected to the web server for searching the membership database for the personal information of the member;

a requisite information engine connected to the web server for searching for the requisite information of the member and comparing the searched requisite information with that of the user;

a call engine connected to the web server for calling a member meeting the specified requisites of the user for a chat partner;

a link engine connected to the web server for connecting the user to the member called as a chat partner by the call engine; and

15 a chat executing server connected to the call engine and the link engine for causing the user to have a chat with the member connected as a chat partner by the link engine.

3. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mobile communication system comprises at least one mobile communication service system,

20 wherein the at least one mobile communication service system includes a base station being in radio communication with the individual mobile terminal, and a radio operator server for processing a call received from the mobile terminal via the base station,

wherein the at least one mobile communication service system is connected to the network via the radio operator gateway.

4. The system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the at least one mobile communication service system belongs to at least two mobile communication service providers.

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5. ~~The system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the requisite information is navel information including physical attribute and hobby information of the individual member, wherein the system selects the chat partner based on the result of navel matching relating to comparison of the navel information between the user and the searched member.~~

15 6. The system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the navel information includes blood type, favorite diagram, kaivawibo pattern, favorite food, and music genre to listen to with the chat partner.

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20 7. ~~The system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the requisite information is the character information of the member, wherein the system selects the chat partner based on the comparison of the character information between the user and the searched member.~~

8. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chat partner is

another user of the mobile terminal than the user of the mobile terminal requesting for the chat service.

9. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chat partner is the 5 user of a computer system connected to the network.

10. A method for providing a chat service, which enables a user of a mobile terminal to search for another user meeting some specified requisites for a chat partner and to virtually talk with him/her, the method comprising the steps of:

causing the chat-requesting user to enter requisites for a chat partner;
searching for a member meeting the requisites;
comparing the requisite information of the searched member with that of the user to search for the chat partner;
calling the searched chat partner; and
enabling the chat service between the called chat partner and the chat-requesting user.

11. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the requisites include 20 the personal information of the chat partner.

12. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the requisite information is the navel information of the member, wherein the chat partner is

selected based on navel matching information between the user and the searched member.

13. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the requisite information is the character information of the member, wherein the chat partner is selected based on a comparison of the character information between the user and the searched member.

14. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein in the step of calling the chat partner, the personal information of the user and the navel matching information between the user and the chat partner are displayed to the chat partner.

15. The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a step of determining whether the chat partner is in a chat enable state, prior to the step of enabling the chat service between the user and the chat partner.

16. ~~A storage medium for storing a program executing the chat service providing method according to claims 10 to 15.~~